

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A ~~pyromechanical~~ pyromechanical disconnecting apparatus, ~~in particular for battery shutoff in a motor vehicle,~~ having a housing (4) in which there is arranged an electrically conductive conductor bus (2), which is fashioned so as to be severable at a predetermined cut position (1) by a cutting chisel (6) driven by a pyrotechnic propellant charge, the conductor bus (2) is clamped in on its side facing away from the cutting chisel (6) by a locking bolt (5) inserted into the housing (4), and a receiving space (15) is arranged in the locking bolt (5) in the region of the predetermined cut position (1), into which receiving space the cutting chisel (6) bends the region of the conductor bus (2) severed by it, and the locking bolt (5) forms an external surface of the housing (4), wherein a recess (13) is arranged in the locking bolt (5), which recess transpiciously connects the receiving space (15) with the atmosphere.

2. (currently amended) The disconnecting apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the recess (13) is a hole.

3. (currently amended) The disconnecting apparatus of Claim 1 wherein the recess (13) is covered by a transparent material (12).

4. (currently amended) The disconnecting apparatus of Claim 3 wherein the transparent material (12) is a transparent plastic or a transparent glass.

5. (new) The disconnecting apparatus of claim 1, wherein the recess has a smaller cross-sectional area than the receiving space.

6. (new) A battery shut off in a motor vehicle comprising a disconnecting apparatus having a housing in which there is arranged an electrically conductive conductor bus, which is fashioned so as to be severable at a predetermined cut position by a cutting chisel driven by a pyrotechnic propellant charge, the conductor bus is clamped in on its side facing away from the cutting chisel by a locking bolt inserted into the housing, and a receiving space is arranged in the locking bolt in the region of the predetermined cut position, into which receiving space the cutting chisel bends the region of the conductor bus severed by it, and the locking bolt forms an external surface of the housing, wherein a recess is arranged in the locking bolt, which recess transpiciously connects the receiving space with the atmosphere.

7. (new) The battery shut off of Claim 6 wherein the recess is a hole.

8. (new) The battery shut off of Claim 6 wherein the recess is covered by a transparent material.

9. (new) The battery shut off of Claim 8 wherein the transparent material is a transparent plastic or a transparent glass.

10. (new) The battery shut off of claim 6, wherein the recess has a smaller cross-sectional area than the receiving space.